THE MASTER KEY

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Key' stock?"

mution as to all these engineers."

"I thought I heard your father cull."

CHAPTER III.

The Runaway Car. the thoughts which he could not vs.

The stockbroker beked at his plant press in speech. His diary, well thinks a moment and then pulled out his led not believe the history of many a lonely pressentate back of large which is really the commence and the history of many a lonely pressentate back of large which is really the commence and the history of many a lonely pressentate back of large which is really the commence.

one that stood out in the mind

It was the darkness in lesing a woman on a bed. He still heard her whispered cry. You speak of God. Tom. went on intensely. heed." Before his closed eyes came the sight of the leadings in the woman's vision of a lamp if, then almost an aperts. For his own purpose she was vertical into full bloom by the hot purition—the face of his daughter. One most useful, so he snapped the cubber life and fied possibly appaired by the band around his memorandum book. bey temple is deep, as if manwakened to the sorrows this mother had boown.

swer from the still weamen in the dark- | low and realizing that in it was a fone ness, but thus he had obvioused ble only child, it seemed to him us if that color will

reverberated from the moon wash hits which marked the site of The Mustor Ken-I am getting old," he thought as he turned the pages of the disty as if an consciously counting the years since \$6. woman had femied over his shoulder

"Ruth," be mormored ageto.
The problem before alin was to longer dim and vague, as it had been in the days of his prime, but absolutely distinct and clear-wint was to begate of 100th when he died? With his tribsed business intelligence he set himsel-

to solve this question He reviewed in his mind not the more and women he had known. It was a strange procession. They murched before his sharpened vision, and partners fresh young girls, moture women, men with check books in their hands, non-dying of thirst on the desert and Wilthe thought of his former names -the that night in the guide, if he were still alive, know his the secret of "The Mile-

youthful, of yourse, but he had proved himself schools competent in almost no said away ardly. every note that had been given blue

inself wholly conjected in almost no said awawardly.

The was calling you, one mawered of man And yet why was the nea car quickly, fair he went over foward the maide? That has probed disaster. It greated his own farmer years. He dough I think he wants you there.

She dropped the based and He recalled his own former years. He dump. I think be wooks you there." bimself had broken down the trop har-riers of a cold world for the same of a woman whose limits little was. He had seen in John Durrs even the grow-down with the same of a cold world for the same of a long a brawny gran. John, she said, the swift color claim is near cheeks, "I down with a long in the pocker electric lin which she place out the pocker electric lin which she place contribute to make the pulled out the pocker electric lin which she place out the place out the place of a cold out the place of a cold out the pocker electric lin which she place out the place out the place of a cold out the place out the place of a cold out the place of a cold out the place out the place of a cold out the place of a cold out the place out the place of a cold out the place out the place of a cold out the place out the place of a cold out the place out the place out the place of a cold out the place out the place out the place of a cold out the place out the place of a cold out the place of a cold out the place of a cold out the place out the

John Dorr laved Buth. It meeted no "Trave it to me."

paumant which represented his first spond to this uppeal in some most convictory, a touchdown on the football whiching way, but he could formulate field within the last ten seconds of no phrase that would express at once play. He knew better than any one his determination to do everything by law that his mission to Valle Vista was his power to belt for father and his futile. Using every resource at his gratifude that she had taken tilm into command, he could find no paying fire. her confidence, so he morely smiled and set-there was the pennant, the surved his brind and went down the emblion of victors hard fought and hill toward the dump broach the hill hard went. Should be give no new? end of the spredding toestle.

Sho called him tack. If forms it.

e bill-"John, John." was limelitime," she sold slivly. "Till "win out yet for Ruth's sake," "I must get down to your father," he the bill-"Join, Join," be said as he unswered that hoperious said rather bringing on both down your

Other curs heard that call, and at muchus to the mine," she said "We John hastened down the hill be saw one larve a little picule all by our-fron's figure by the side of the lungs-law, and as if by the opening of a ... As he went un toward the coal of the shulter be oncy more saw the lights of treatic four observed that the engineer Broadway and a table spread with running the donkey engine sectord then, free people slifting there—his hardly to know his business.

"My dear fellow," he said quietly.

In this complex and highly organized "you're allowing too much shick on ep. Biggapion, of ours, no man can be as your cable. It is dancerous, Those ore stred that it any manual some other cars are coming down that treats the man possibly thousands of miles disthat is not planning an act whose par- disaster?" tent would be ver been to him.

a main and wemen were sliting with the words "Gallon." "Dorr" and "William of the did not been up the slack on his "Herry Wilherson has found Tom cable on these curs he would with

Gallon" she said quietly. "I wonder them over the end of the treatle" said what will hispains?"

wembered her shy appeal that he sould for "The Marker For" "I think we had better go into the

mine; we can talk there." he said. "They are setting off a blast." Gallon

over on the dump.

thought of that myself. Things have kind of gone at loose cads. Now I'll kind of gone at loose cads. Now I'll ing to do just that with the master lever. With strongth lood of desperation to ingressit with your help, be see to it myself with your help, be key, which is the greatest litteen. The heavy car slowly created uway

the house she often picules with me to wit down to the first cable here is the mine. Say, I'm going up preliminaries are disposed of, but the matter as to all these continues." mation as to all these engineers. with Tubles. He is all right, but be up. Sit down at the table this com-true stepper man with the shrewd has got careless. Tell him to keep up ing Wednesday afternoon or evening: The stender man with the shrewd per the things be varied or sealed opposite her despised his per the things be varied or lies and the start of this cable. I tell you get your share of the good things yet the start of this cable. I tell you to come, it is a shame to go hingry legister. Thomas Gailon, the companies of two women, the start of this cable, the start of this cable. I tell you to come, it is a shame to go hingry for a long time, but first I'm going to when such a teast is so easily obtain the start of the star

ed, held the history of many a lonely memorandum book. "Listen, Jenn," he mine, putting one foat after the other night, but or all these algebra there was said in a time she recognized as after with that carelessness characteristic by businessing. "Shall I may Master of men becoming decrept, a man ran "There is a girl back there"- she his urns. Almost homenty following blin came a part of grav-blue smake, Crane looked up swiftly. He caught which source upward and enread out

Ruch let full the much basket and started upwared at this dark, murky hale he the hull Was John there? Was her fulles there? She knew horrogs of a world that reels not of our put it back in his pocket and said with poor luminally. Yet there was in the finally, "Jean, Fit buy 'Master Key do, a woman's arms a child the stock at any page?"

The her fall the much basket and stock at the finally, "Jean, Fit buy 'Master Key hale to the 191's Was John there? the market and stock at any page?"

Was her falled the much basket and stock at any page?

Was her falled the much basket and stock at the page of the land of the control of the c of sorrows this mother had known. Mastering the era which had come that that balky cland beyond into the flurily the cried. There was no on to him from Thomas Gallon's bungs. The heavens meant death beneath John" Then she remembered her filled duty, and her next word, while pered teward that billowing, addying mass of vapor was "Fother!"

Thus do ambiens confers to God the secrets of their heart but bet un nee took they conceal from men these same seved inverter.

Ruth hartoned her more toward the enfrance of the mine. The shale part-way under her little first, but she the treatle. Having fixed all her to in a mining camp, there was no to you for her in nurthing him fullion rock. That effusion of spints feat-ing over the hilldele seemed to spent Key." And again she wondered what er it was John Dure or her father

She did not are John Days palling to the miner-schechard just liefs the relacand was scratching down the table? Her thought was that during the meet Then there rose before his mind the straight, strong, simust anshere figure of his minding continuer. John Derror tenth limit, as he crossed the guich he saw the door of the bungalow of his minding continuer. John Derror tenth limit, as no the door of the bungalow open, and limit as a second to be supplied to carelessness if we continue to the same than the same t not off. She had seen more helched on

ing fame of love. Logic experience arounds, but father is warried. He long familiarity with the trained to find

Garbon grinds but silently cursing the monetary bond to recove his fidelity to | Her appending mones except up his | awkurantees of his men. Buth trying her inherests, and with the sudden, arms, and for one moment sie al. to chobe out the names of the two toes. swift; shert step of a man who had lowed him to read her soul. She made she loved. Suddenly she came into the



"What's the troute?" said Galleri shewed her inching but my ore car and At a table in a New York restaurant, coming up with a piber of ore in his, the more dropped by the last shift when they had quit for dinner. "Yather?" she cried, beering into the

She storped on buto the shadow and albed again. Her fest slipped on the Mer compation butched. "Tallon? I He turned toward the old man and rough floor of the tunnel, and as she Her companion burshed. "Callon? I had a college mate named 'Gallon' who is norwing for a mon named 'Gallon' who is norwing for a mon named 'Gallon' who wanted the old in a different voice. "You called in save because here save a trickle of fire "Gods at this, John," said the older names at this against an income strikingly handsome and allowed her souther force with order.

"There is money in that mine Gasage Crange" she wild. "Inf this man Borr - what south of the wall called the save hand of the older of the tunnel, and so who income and in a subject of the save hand in a subject to save because from the save is the save in the older of the save hand in a money in that had not yet been shot. With all light gone except that then the older of the save hand in the older ranging along toward the base to be save because from the tunnel, and so who income the save hand in a money had be save because the lamp fell. A money in the save hand in a money in the older of the save hand in the older ranging along toward the base for the save hand in the older ranging along toward the base for the save hand in the older ranging along toward the save hand in the older ranging along toward the save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save because have been depended by a money to the save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save because have been done to save the save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save hand in a save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save a trickle of fire. What is it this, John hand in the older ranging along toward the base save a trickle of fire two save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save hand in the older ranging along toward the base save hand in the older ranging toward the base save at this, John hand in the older ranging

For the Soup Course You Needn't Miss Your Jinner

the soup and other preliminary in down by the light of the new flaming enough about this. What do you mean Dorr. "I gness you're right, John; I've entirely and miss the whole feast?

Course Entertainment ever devised. The heavy car story than it came maid gave one swift gitties at her "There comes ituth with a basket of by experienced cuterors to the public "Oh, yes. When I am away from taste. But is im't too tate uve... ...

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past them exertised and said suddenly:

"Before shything else you ought to fix that treedle. Some day a car will go that you couldn't set here in time for cable was still attached. She climbed in the ore car and state was still attached. She climbed in the ore car and state was still attached. Then she realized that the the marring. I have told you after that you couldn't set here in time for cable was still attached. She climbed the course handle the tree of the said o Gallon booked up and then glanced at consequentials, would you stay away fuse and unbooked the heavy simekis, by disturbing me for a mere jetter?"

Corr. "I gness you're right, John; I've entirely and miss the whole feast? A moment later she was again in the consequentials."

You told me, madame, always to home of the consequentials. We tear that some of year are go, car with her little bands firmly on the call you when there was a letter in this



"The Master Key" Mins.

over Ruth that she was not strong enough to stop its momentum on the mad scarched the rescue. When he long treatle that led to the dump. She saw that his daughter was safe he was fleeing death by fire and gas and also perceived the solution of his prob rock only to be buried headling over the lofty end of the track. A vision to protect Enth's property, Somewhere rose before her of being flung through in that hill was the richest of California the height California nir right at her mis gold. Once more he said to himfother's feet. Belinst her she heard self, "John Door ean find the master the sputtering of the hist feet inches her?" of the fuse. She creached in the car. Just us it emerged from the tunnel's mouth it was as if a huge hand thrust the car forward. The boom of the explesion deafened her. She stood up new in the wildly speeding car and

The Resous.

TER prining to the engineer. John Dorr had missed Gallon. and saw him at the amehorhill, across the guich from the

"John," said Gallen, "I am getting book after her," be promise @ we. John, but there was a little girlgineer, patting the great from over ray little. rior with his band as a usus pacifies. Ruth, freshly clad and wholly reco-

ry from a miner on the trestie.

Gallen peerlishiy: to blooself, "Where is Ruth?" If carms sight which of all things in the world over blin that she was bringing bracks he did not word to see the face of his eon to her father and himself in the mine. He stared up at that dark hole

With all the force of his langt he with all the force of the times at conscion v, but he was recalled by a conscion v, but he was recalled by a loved and familiar voice; it was lightly aring stopolly opward, awang him-it into the backet, pulled his surnal

The engineer seemed to listen for a and facted face. "Starte" he said, and moment, then kirked off his brake and it struck him that on her face was a blew his answerier whistle. A second took almost of herror. after the bucket was swinging down | He must remoure her Dread and To was not clear in John's mind how the lefty calde nerose the guich;

he could rescue Ruth. The quicken; way to get to the freshe was by the bucket; then he would have those long long stratches of tice to traverse, and abox he routhed that smoke filled tun nel could be get through). He must the sterdled himself and thought, his eyes fixed ou the hole in the billiside. The bucket was still surging a linu-dred feet away from his gual whom he saw the ope car emerge and in it the ender form of Ruth. No one realized better than be that her strength war not equal to setting those brakes and

that she had escaped one death only to His trained eye caught sight of one hance. He relied down to the en-rineer, "Quick, quick, Tubbe." The engineer's blank face upturned toward him seemed that of a man daxed by imminent disaster, but John

Dorr's imperious will reached across and down that space. The engineer milled his thrortle wide open, and as he did so John Dorr swing himself over the edge of the bucket and, banging down by his knees right over the tresthe watted for the encoming car. -- truth?" he cried "Ruth, comb to

He saw her turn toward him, baland lift up her arms. He stretched his own down, and as the mass of steel and ore dashed under him, caught her him. He slid not hear the crash that

commed. All he saw was the opturned blind her abound it hand burning face of the girl to laved, swinging " | John Dorr's rable, and there the

She climbed into the ore car and spendid woman was looking critically of that strange scene she builties is "You told me, madame, always to-

> The woman under the reseate cover-lets hold out her jeweled hand. The lished. As she closed the door after her the cuvelone, torn into shreds, fell to

Mrs. Darnell sat up alertly and quickly perused the slow, even script written on the old fashlowed bine lined paper of a country hotel:

Gaudie for now. Keep main! As ever. HARRY.

When Gallian Thought he had killed Wilherson he became infected with the merndienble discuse of dread. In his conversation with John Dorr he had given liest expression to his feelings. of his youth this not fully understand that then do not speak of such things mutil age toosener of tongues as well as of the chords of life-suddenly oppressur them-undas them feet help less, between them to a realization of what the ultimate fact of death means. He had farely cought the appeal in the old min's voice when he had comprehended Ruth's peril.

The old man, with shaking limbs. istn. Here was a quick mind needed

Poeling himself too work to most the girl who was now obeging limply to short, he went down the bill crossed the guida without a word to the wondering miners and entered the bunga-

A moment later John Dorr entered with Ruth by his arms. The old man merely tooked up. "Always hode after her, John," he said slowly, "and if Wil-

Dorr looked at the old man with pix age of the ore cable car up an ide exec. "She han't hart," he said,

old. Years ago there were two part Gallon stared over at the white face ners of us prospected this country, of his daughter as she by unconscious and we found free milling gold. I say on the courte "flumph"-, thus ex I kept the location of that mine to my-self. There was trouble, John. He combined to he revised in his own life. suspected mo"- He turned his dim- He went out without a look backward ming eyes on the statiwart young than When he returned the room was empty in entreaty. "I guess you know why He fingered the books on the table and I tried to keep those plans to myself." Fell into a state of prefound thought "Who is the man?" demanded the en- He did not hear the door open babin

ered from her experience, wondered a y from a miner on the trestie offly favoret him. He did not firm.
What does be want? demanded She went names. She will her soft allon peechshiy. John Dorr's eyes saw the miners in the fingers of life long fear were touch

mine. He stared up at that dark hole in the hillside and saw an eddy of smoke. Instantly he knew that she must be somewhere within that dark the did see the face of Harry Wilherson and South he breathed. His eyes closed, competed to by his troubled

bending over him, saying, "Father, whisth out of his pocket and blows:

forfously.

The engineer seemed to listen for a good field for season to see that feared.



"Why, nothing was the metter, child low.

Gallon for his found this on the Inhie gave lds harpstness? train Bly emply stress

About 3,000 miles away a dark and girl as she was observed by the test

Once at the door site boorted has pecambe it cosmed to her that she had been pursied up the hill by some

The door was during some real to an extract, his bulk tilling the policy town ig from fruits to famili

or list that one had done on at nitional thing, yet there was their as mad other formed her, edges to the nd. limve: lice: of the engineer on and our her stander mens and was ome to liber. He, we fell the promote of drawl. Way down the little of the ology, it memoral to bim that be and their he redy fruit toro his erword

are: the sight real dely the rough of

ek on the crest of the fill.

A fall, dorft, stern men was did not



Night When He Had Crept to Safety. and death we see things more eleurly Williegenm me for looked over the family lar valley, remembered that long night a sufer. Livers peak, gully and much The large title that It won veyon a sixt the staneur term of doldwiners.

not if why a parentles he was going The God bourd's treet seed about Galor's modificate anyther, and he did not nite understand who it was that "The though Re " mine allel not tolk figurer. Were II prompted that his former partor hard and describble to find that rich ein of gold (One all? He wolled again.

Their there was their girl whose, vimenty and because his had heard so William De Ter Doublit

Home testings told him that Gatton and be vira tiduling of him, and " by has long mersed the hope of billier compounce, he identical like pemperaglone, and there and then they would "Father, father, what is the matter?" Frame that he had not taken the motor sings, but ned come on horseback, sihearts of moblens. By a trepsendous leady matching for his supertimity, effort he pulled bloody together and. The heart syst scanned the scene below frim and entity picked out the bunga-

I was ably thinking."

These about we meet want to forflut, there was something in his false. It respects at strong that.

These about we want to forint made fluth draw book. To ber to be all on saw the about of the partner. possible the first not bound to discount in a last its aload on the cost of the the difference between the various will above the mine they bad discover-rade presists that proper this wheeld, on years are together. She was still atradf. The couple out the stars about the still save for the daingle-

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